

**ROWAN COUNTY
FARMERS MARKET ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT ON POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

I _____ hereby agree to abide by the following by-laws set forth herein. Failure to adhere to all or any of the policies set forth constitutes a negligence on the part of the member, therefore forfeiting the right to retain his or her membership and subject to removal from the Association.

BY-LAWS

1. All individuals selling at this market must sign an agreement to abide by the rules and regulations as set forth and to sign a waiver of liability.
2. Only residents of Rowan County or surrounding counties are eligible to become members. *Effective January 9, 2004, vendors from counties that exclude Rowan county farmers are not eligible to sell at the market. (January 9, 2004).* Only members or producers who pay annual rate of \$20.00 are eligible to sell products.
3. Annual dues will be determined on or before April 30. All dues must be paid on or before May 15 in order to be considered a member in good standing.
4. Only members in good standing can vote in decision making policies.
5. Three members in good standing with the association shall constitute a quorum to conduct business. Each member shall have one vote and voting by proxy shall not be permitted. Meeting notification shall be at least one week prior to the date of the meeting.
6. Selling dates will be Wednesday and Saturday between June 16 and October 30. Hours will start at 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday and 1:00 P.M. on Saturday. These dates can be varied by vote of the Association.
7. Selling spaces are to be assigned, based on seniority of members present. Remaining spaces are available on a first-come-first-served basis.
8. No vendors shall sell until 3:00 P.M. each Wednesday, and 1:00 P.M. each Saturday.
9. Daily selling prices will be set and agreed to by a majority members present each selling day.
10. Each grower will be responsible for selling only quality products.
11. Only products grown in Rowan County or surrounding counties by the grower is

eligible to be sold. *It is the duty of the president to investigate and report to members a complaint made by a member questioning the origin of produce sold at Market. All members of the Rowan County Farmers Market agree that upon request of the president or his delegate, they will show the president or his delegate the growing produce in question. Failure to show the president the growing produce will result in immediate termination of membership in the Rowan County Farmers Market. (May 9, 2003)*

12. Each farmer shall clean up and remove all trash from their area before they leave.
13. Officers shall be elected at the last regular meeting of the calendar year. The offices to be filled: President, Secretary, and Treasurer. They shall be elected for two year term. ~~No officer may serve more than two consecutive terms.~~ Officers will serve staggered terms with elections in even years for chair person and treasurer, odd years for secretary. Term of office shall begin January 1 of the year after they are elected. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor.
14. The Association retains the right to change by-laws upon vote of the Association.
15. All new members required to attend at least two meetings prior to May 15, of each selling year. *Regular meetings of the Association shall be the second Friday of January, March, May, and October at 5:00 PM. (October 24, 2003)*

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